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Overcoats!

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Come look and you will be surprised how low they are sold.

Men's beaver chinchilla or melton \$7.50 overcoats in all sizes and colors, our unloading price - - - - -

\$5.00

Fine Black Beaver Overcoats, velvet collars, Italian cloth lined, sold everywhere at \$10.00, our unloading price - - - - -

7.50

Fine imported Melton, Irish frieze, chinchilla ulsters or sacks, in all colors such as you would have to pay \$10 and \$12, our unloading price - - - - -

7.50

An A1 Vermont gray overcoat, good color and wearer in sacks and ulsters such as is usually sold for \$5, while they last and in order to unload, will sell for - - - - -

2.25.

Read our Prices. -- Look. Look. Look.

Look at their suits at \$5.00

then look at ours for \$3.00

Look at their suits at \$6.00

then look at ours for \$4.00

Look at their suits at \$7.50

then look at ours for \$5.00

Look at their suits at \$9.00

then look at ours for \$6.75

Look at their suits at \$10.00

then look at ours for \$7.50

Then parents look at their \$1.50 children's suits

then come and look at ours for \$1.00

Look at their \$2.00 children's suits

then come and look at ours for \$1.25

Look at their \$3.00 children's suits

then come and look at ours for \$2.00

Shoes at Unheard o Prices.

Child's dongola button shoes \$.25
Misses dongola button shoes .50
Ladies kid shoe in button or lace .90
Ladies calf or grain leather shoes .90
A man's solid shoe in lace or congress 1.00
Boy's boots - 1.00
Men's boots all solid 1.40

Ladies and Misses rubbers - .25
Men's rubbers in all sizes - .25
We have the best rubber goods made and can save you from 25 to 50 cents on every pair of boots or overshoes. All we ask IS A LOOK.

Gents Furnishing Goods.

We are proud of this department this season, reliable, strictly honest merchandise, second to none only in price.
Men's heavy underwear well worth 40c reduced to - - - 25c
A real good fleeced lined shirt or drawers cheap at 50c reduced to - - - 37 1-2c
Natural wool and cheap at 65c, reduced to - - - 44c
A good working shirt reduced to 25c. Heavy Rockford socks 4c. Linen handkerchiefs 2 1-2c. Collars, standing or turndown 5c.

This is fair, is it not? All we ask is to look at their goods and prices then come and look at ours.

Model Clothing Company.

TO KEEP THE ISLANDS.

President McKinley Finally Decides the Question.

TO ASSUME \$40,000,000 DEBT

Philippines Will Pass to Us With a Quit Claim Deed.

CABINET CONCUR IN PLAN.

Spain Driven to Part With Them as She Needs Cash.—Threw Herself on Our Mercy.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 28.—The Times Herald will publish the following from Frederick Benzinger, its Washington correspondent:

President McKinley has decided to keep all the Philippines. The United States will assume \$40,000,000 of the Philippine debt in consideration of a quit claim by Spain. The American peace commissioners will be instructed to lay the president's decision before the Spanish commissioners at Paris next Monday. The statement of the administration's program is made on the highest authority. It was given after to day's cabinet meeting, at which the Philippine question was fully discussed.

The president's decision had been foreshadowed, but he had refrained carefully from committing himself. Anxious to execute the will of the people, he has been studying the sentiment of the country for months. When he went west he found himself swept along by the full current of expansion sentiment.

Personally the President hesitated to thrust upon the nation the grave responsibilities attached to the government of the Philippines. But he has great faith in the ultimate judgment of the common people of the United States, and he bows to their will. The decree has gone forth. The stars and stripes will wave over an island empire in the eastern seas. Oppressed races

numbering 8,000,000 persons will be freed and civilized. The islands number 1,200 to 2,000. They extend north and south 1,000 miles, east and west 600 miles. Their area is 114,000 square miles, about as much as that of New York, Pennsylvania and Connecticut combined.

The Spanish commissioners at Paris have been trying to drive a financial bargain with the representatives of the United States. They have not offered serious objection to the abandonment of Spanish territory, but they have sought to make every loss of that kind the basis for a claim for cash. Their chief concern has been to relieve their country from some of the crushing financial burden which makes its future so blank.

In abandoning their claims in connection with the so-called Cuban debt, the Spanish commissioners threw themselves on the mercy of the Americans. The president has been moved to pity by their plea, and has decided that the United States can afford to be generous with Spain in the settlement of the fate of the Philippines.

WILL ASSUME BONDS AT ONCE

Instead of asking congress for an appropriation to give the Spanish cash for which they are crying, he has determined to assume the debt of about \$8,000,000 created in 1896. This consists of bonds bearing 5 per cent. No one knows much about them, why they were issued, how they were disposed of or who holds them now. It is realized that they will go to par as soon as the guarantee of the United States become effective, but if Spain gets no benefit from their advance this is not to blame. It is expected they will ratify a treaty with a proposition assuming such a debt.

In administration circles it is thought the revenues of the Philippines will enable the government to meet the interest on the bonds without burdening the United States proper. One of the first things to be done may be the refunding of these bonds in a security bearing a

lower rate of interest. That may be one of the conditions which will offset the advance in value. The administration officials don't know the extent of the Philippine debt. The commissioners are making inquiries about it at Paris. It is declared in Washington, however, that the United States will not assume anything but the issue of \$40,000,000.

We wish to still remind you that we are exclusive agents for the celebrated Superior Cook Stoves and ranges. FRANK SMITH & SON

Virginia Items.

We write what we hear the Virginians say is true. Dear Reader, don't blame us if we hear 'em say what happens you.

Will Febeck, who spent the summer in Nebraska, returned to Virginia last week.

We were in Amoret Wednesday of last week. Business was moderate. Cole Hensley was shipping hogs, price low. H. Gailey talked a little politics to us, not much in sympathy with the way the county politics was running.

J W McFadden spent two days at K C last week.

Ed Dalton, of Butler, passed through our city Friday of last week. Alfred Jackson, of Linn county, Kan., spent last week in his old neighborhood.

J I Wolfe of Burlington, Kan., visited his father, C W Wolfe, a few days last week.

Lawrence Wallace and Miss Icy Jenkins spent Sabbath with friends at Adrian.

Mr Roberts and family and Miss Millie Coleman, of near Mulberry, made Aaron a pleasant call on their return home from Butler Saturday.

The people of Grandview have formed a congress which meets every Friday night to enact laws.

Joe Rape and daughter, Miss Rena of Saginaw county, Ills, who have been visiting the family of Gus Rape, left for their home last week.

The union meeting of the Endeavor and Epworth League Sabbath night at the Christian church was well attended.

Corn picking is the order of the day.

Andrew Simpson is rejoicing over the arrival of a new cook.

On last Friday evening Mr and Mrs James Walker entertained the Y. P. S. C. E. and Epworth League at their pleasant home northwest of Virginia.

Their two charming daughters, Misses Lillian and Daisy entertained them pleasantly. An elegant supper was served, which was duly appreciated by all. Those from a distance were Messrs. Hall, Smith, Cox and Dr Huffman of Adrian, and Misses Pet and Dot Burrows, Kiser and Graham of Amsterdam. At twelve o'clock all departed for their respective places of abode hoping that it would be but a very short time until we would again have the pleasure of being entertained by Mr and Mrs Walker.

C H Morrison wishes to know where he can purchase 100 first-class bur oak posts, will be needed immediately.

Andy Scrivner has two or three sows and several shats for sale, lives south of the Coleburn bridge.

Bob Ayers claims to be the best electioneer in Charlotte township.

Mrs Loe Simpson is very sick. Had a consultation of doctors Monday.

Henry Febeck went to K C Tuesday.

The populist club met Monday night, and gave the history of money from the time the world was peopled.

Mr Lamb, wife and daughter, of near Butler, visited his son Dr Lamb at Virginia Sunday.

Quite a number of voters came to Virginia Tuesday night to hear Col Clark and W O Jackson discuss the political issues of the day, and were disappointed by the absence of the speakers. The band was out in full force and treated the crowd to some good music. L I Browning and D C Wolfe each made a speech.

Charlie Cowan is the boss corn husker.

It appears that after the populists have three tickets on the ballot they still are not satisfied. Wonder if they would be content if all the tickets were headed People's Party Ticket? There seems to be a longing in the human heart to hold office. It is said there are prohibitionists who would accept office under certain conditions. Virginia will be relieved, in time, of gold bugs and silver bugs, but it will be a long time before the humbugs cease to exist. There are some thing in the campaign that does not seem just like it ought to.

AARON.

R M Wilcox is still buying hogs. He is paying \$3 30 per hundred lbs. Wm Febeck has about finished his

new house. It adds another notch in the advancement of our little village.

Wm Walls is up again and beginning to look like himself once more. He was able to go to Passaic and Butler the other day.

W F Maddy is remodeling a barn for Mrs Reynolds, east of Passaic.

Aunt Eliza Walls is visiting relatives and friends in the neighborhood of Altona.

Mr Boswell met with quite a loss. He loaded his engine and separator on a car at La Crosse, Kan., and they were all consumed by fire.

Jack Elgin has become somewhat disgusted over this new road system. He says the idea that they are holding out that there are thousands of pounds of butter in the country that can not be got to market on account of bad roads, is false.

Miss Ida Ritter is progressing nicely with her school, and is giving good satisfaction.

Bros Fielding and Hackles were out looking after the interests of Bro Ray, the minister of the M E south, circuit. Bro King will hold his quarterly meeting at Passaic, Tuesday, November 1st.

E F Boswell has returned home from Kansas, where he has been threshing wheat. He reports an immense crop of wheat in that section, and the acreage planted was much larger than ever before. He is looking well, and says the democrats and populists have fused.

We predict a hard, cold winter, as the air is full of geese and ducks are going south.

Reason Williams has commenced to gather his corn, which he is cribbing on his grandmother John's farm. He is a little rustler for a boy.

Fletcher Ruddle has commenced to hunt ducks, geese and all kinds of game ready for market.

Mr Ellis made us a good talk on the issues of the day, at Passaic, on the 20th inst.

Col J N Sharp bought Jas Chambers' corn crop at 20c per bushel, which he expects to feed to his fine lot of hogs.

We want all the solid democrats to go to the polls Tuesday to advance the cause of democracy and Bryan.

John Lotspeich expect to feed a car load of cattle for the May market, when he thinks the price will be better.

Elkhart Items.

Election day is coming and the democrats are going to carry the day in our township.

E F Boswell has returned from his trip in Kansas, where he has been threshing. He says the wave of

prosperity has struck the people out there.

Mr Oliver is feeding about 50 head of cattle this winter. They are nice ones.

Our candidate for circuit clerk, J. P. Thurman, passed through our little town last Friday night. Mr Thurman is a rustler and should have the support of every man in the county. He has served two terms as school commissioner of our county and we know he will do the right thing at the right time.

Wilson Armentrout and Bate Ne-fus went to Butler on business last Saturday.

The populists and republicans are talking fusion and a number of the old voters around here say the fusion will cause them to stay away on election day.

Mr Jersic wants 1,000 bushels of corn to feed his cattle this winter. He is going to feed about 500 head.

The school teachers here say the new text books cause them to put in more time and more work, but the progress is better.

Robert Heddleson is going to thresh his large crop of flax this week. Mr Gregg is doing the work.

Robert Marshall went to Butler last week to lay in his winter's supply of goods.

Rev A H Lewis was in our midst one day last week. He reports the sick folks at his house no better.

Mrs Lou Simpson, who has been very sick, is reported a little better. Ralph Scott is feeding a nice bunch of hogs.

Frank Langsford has his new house finished. CORRESPONDENT.

A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in consumption. Four doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved and now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at H. L. Tucker's drug store. Regular size 50c and \$1. Guaranteed or price refunded.